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State Deficit Forces Mid-year Tuition Hike

By Shane Jacobus

The University System of Maryland Board of Regents approved a five percent tuition hike for all of its institutions for the Spring 2003 semester.

Spring semester bills had already been sent out at the end of December 2002, and most had already been paid before the tuition hike.

Everyone received a letter describing the impending increase in early January. The increase was to counteract a soaring \$1.7 billion deficit facing the State of Maryland.

The administration sent out a message via e-mail informing students of the steps being implemented to balance the budget. The e-mail stated, "Salisbury University, as

other UMS institutions, abolished vacant non-faculty positions and cut technology equipment and other operating budgets to the extent practical. That was not, however, enough to cover the entire shortfall and, given the lack of flexibility in operating budgets, the imposition of Spring Semester, 2003, tuition increases for all students became

necessary."

Salisbury University full-time in-state students received an increase of \$85, while full-time out-of-state students received an increase of \$170. Part-time students received an increase of up to \$14 per credit hour.

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SU Mourns Loss of Student



Danny (second row, third from left) poses with fellow peer leaders at Algonquin.

By Sarah Frantz
News Editor

The Saferide buses stayed in last weekend as the SU community mourned the loss of exemplary student and leader, Danny Landsman. Jerry Daniel Landsman died suddenly on Wednesday, January 29th, 2003 after working out at the gym. A funeral was held last Sunday in his hometown of Boonsboro, MD.

Twenty-year-old Landsman was a junior business management major, but will always be remembered for his many contributions to SU. Both the co-founder and the co-president of the Fishing Club, Landsman was also the director of technology for Saferide. Last year he was a peer leader on the Fresh-

man Orientation trip to Algonquin State Park in Canada. Landsman was also involved with the SGA and the Bellavance Honors Program.

SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach sent out an email to the community on Thursday expressing her sympathies to friends and family.

"This is such a tragic loss," said Dudley-Eshbach.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Jerry Daniel Landsman Memorial Fund for Student Activities, c/o Salisbury University Foundation, P.O. Box 2655, Salisbury, MD 21802-2655.

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Letter from the Editor

By Constance Mensh
Editor in Chief

As the newly appointed Editor in Chief of the Flyer, I must say that the task ahead seems daunting. To manage an organization is no small feat for any full-time student, yet I feel that as a writer and future journalist it is crucial that our University has an outstanding student-run news organization.

It is a feat that requires the dedication and hard work of not only

myself, but also that of my fellow editors, managers and writers to continue to improve upon the standards set by the previous editors and Editor in Chief. We, as journalists, concerned members of the community and active recorders and commentators on society, pledge to carve our little niche into a deep groove in the consciousness of SU.

Letter from the Editor

By Adam Lehman
Features Editor

Affairs in America have been going downhill since companies like Enron and WorldCom went bankrupt. Everywhere you turn you're smacked in the face with the words "budget crisis," especially in the state of Maryland, where the deficit bulges at the seams more than Louie Armstrong's stomach in a size 32 pair of slacks. The financial crunch is mirrored in the state universities as well, where mid-year tuition hikes are the only solution to soften the blow to the budget constraints. The current economy is topsy-turvy, so why did President Bush vow to spend billions of dollars on programs?

Even though I'm not a huge Bush fan by any means, I feel two of his agendas need to have unanimous support.

In a time where money is scarce, I feel the plan for the government to spend \$1.2 billion for the development of hydrogen-powered cars is long overdue. Not only would the newer source of energy make us less dependent on foreign oil, it

would also be environmentally friendly. While the change would not be overnight, several small steps would make the change seamless. Just imagine, for a second, going to the hydrogen station to fuel up. (Although it really wouldn't make a huge difference to residents of New Jersey, cause it's not like they'd pump their own hydrogen anyway). Bush's other plan calls for monetary relief for those African nations plagued by the AIDS epidemic. IT'S ABOUT TIME! I'm tired of hearing people say that the disease is "their problem" because when it comes down to it, it's everyone's problem. While AIDS does affect less Americans than South Africans, we have more educational programs that can teach people about the virus. Those countries need the same resources that only money can buy.

As I said, I'm not an avid Bush supporter, but I think that following his political plans is important. That way, when election time comes, I can make an educated and informed choice.

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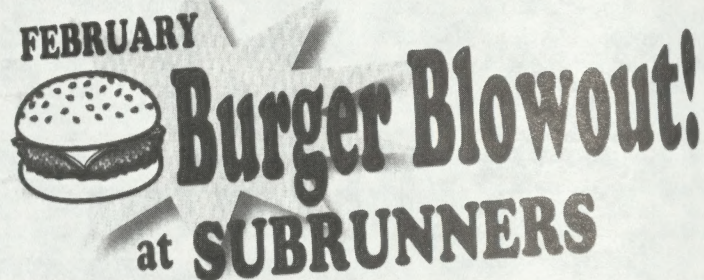
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Upcoming Events on Campus Focus on Black History Month

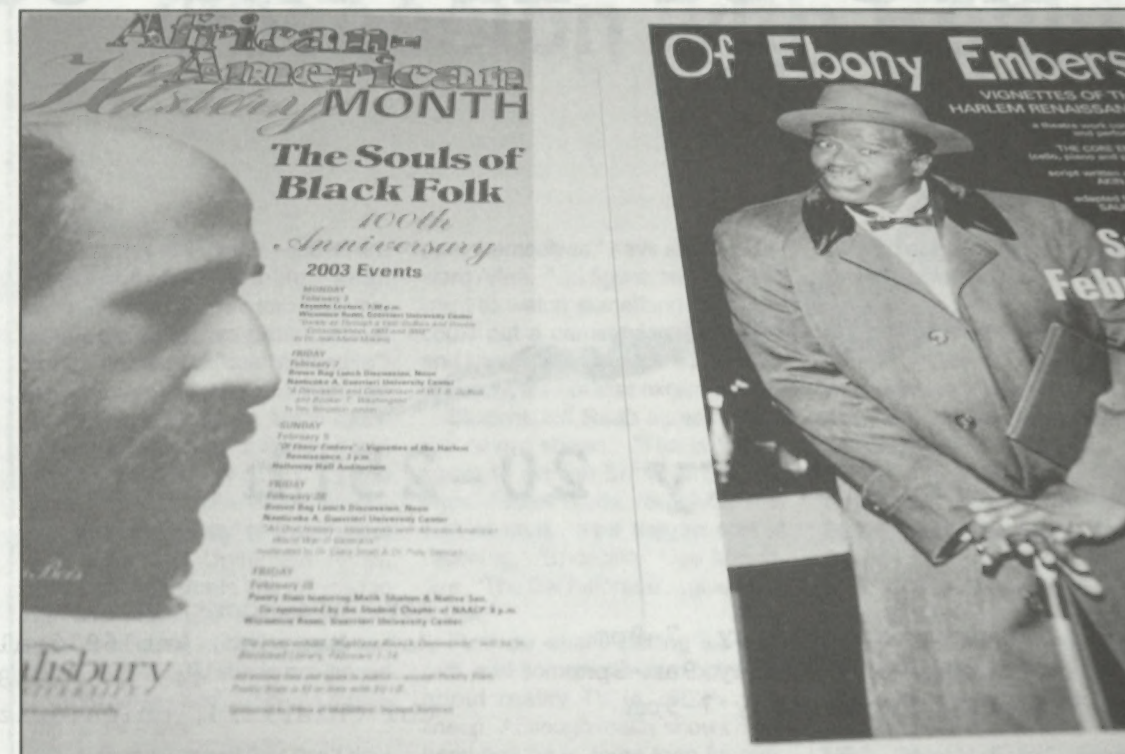
By Caroline Watson

Every February, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History develops a theme for Black History Month, which sets the tone for the events on campus during the month. The theme for 2003 is "Souls of Black Folk", based on the novel by Dr. W.E.B. DuBois. The book takes a critical look at the concept of double consciousness confronting African-Americans and redefined the terms of the cultural and political psychology of peoples of African descent.

Vaughn White, director of Multiethnic Student Services, and his committee of students and faculty sponsor most of the events that celebrate Black History Month. These events deal with important issues that have to do with the black community, as well as historical African-American figures.

There will be two brown bag lunch discussions in the Nanticoke A room of the Guerrieri University Center. White said that the discussions provide a non-formal way for students and faculty to receive information on topics that deal with African American history. On February 7, there will be a discussion on the comparison of W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington. "Students will receive a view of an African-American philosopher and his ideas," White said.

Another discussion on the 28th will focus on African-American WWII veterans. "An Oral History: Interviews with African-American



Check out the upcoming events in celebration of Black History Month

World War II Veterans" will be moderated by SU's Drs. Clara Small and Polly Stewart.

On February 9, "Of Ebony Embers", a theatre work featuring "vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance," will be performed by the Core Ensemble, a trio of cello, piano and percussion. The presentation, written and acted by Akin Babatunde, will focus on the lives of several famous African-American poets, including Langston Hughes, Countee

Cullen and Claude McKay. "Of Ebony Embers" is set during the Harlem Renaissance, known for its creativity among the black community in New York City during the 1930's.

Toward the end of the month, SU's student chapter of the NAACP will hold a poetry slam in the Wicomico Room. Native Son and Malik Shalom will be featured and students are encouraged to come and read poetry they have written themselves.

The Edward H. Nabb Research Center and the Maryland Humanities Council sponsor another event that is tied in with Black History Month. "Is Africa my Home? The Debate About the Colonization of Maryland Blacks in the Nineteenth Century" lecture will be held in the Great Room in Holloway Hall. The lecture deals with the American Colonization society and how they colonized

Insurance Woes Limit Club Trips



New insurance policy could create conflicts between clubs and increase membership fees.

By Sarah Frantz
News Editor

Clubs and organizations at SU must renegotiate their plans for out-of-state trips this semester due to new restrictions on Motor Pool vans.

SU's Motor Pool has 12 vans available for reservation. However, new insurance policies allot only two insured vans for traveling out of state. The state is no longer paying to insure the vans out of state, so other resources had to be found. Many clubs and organizations rely on these vehicles to provide transportation for their various trips.

William Bowen of Motor Pool said that the insurance was purchased from Progressive Insurance for a period of six months. He said it was an administrative decision based on the recommendation of the state's attorney office concerning out-of-state travel.

"We will recover the cost of the insurance by the additional mileage charge that will be passed on to the group or club using the van(s)," said

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Bush Sets Forth an Agenda for the Nation

By Chris Weymont

As required by the US Constitution, the President addresses the nation every January in his State of the Union address. Every major television channel carries the broadcast because the speech outlines the President's plans for the next year.

President Bush came to the podium with many topics to discuss with the nation. From reforming the economy to disarming Saddam Hussein, Bush's message was to be heard by everyone in the nation. However, was Bush's speech conveyed throughout campus?

"Oh God no!" rants student Brandon Coates. "Boring, very... very boring."

Randomly, 20 students were asked if they watched the State of the Union on Tuesday night. Of the 20 asked, only five had tuned into the State of the Union.

"One thing I liked about the State of the Union was how the Democrats were able to respond," says junior Jason McGraw. "They were able to voice the ups and downs of Bush's issues."

"No, I didn't watch it," says Shannon Burns, SU junior. "I don't even know what the State of the Union is!"

"It's unfortunate that students do not view the State of the Union as importantly as it is," says political

By Becki Lee
Copy Editor

Influences of TV reality shows are everywhere: bobble head Osbourne dolls line store shelves. Snippets of conversation about Evan Marriott (of "Joe Millionaire") and Simon Cowell (of "American Idol") fill the air at the lunch table. Even the SU Office of Housing and Residence Life is following the trend, using "The Real World: Salisbury University" for the present year's theme. Under this focus, Resident Assistants are referred to as "cast members" and the school year is referred to as the "season." Signs of reality TV shows are indeed everywhere – and everyone's talking about them.

"I think the [shows] that don't deal with relationships are okay," says sophomore Stephanie Kowalski, "because you get all the ones about people trying to get married and it's really stupid – it's really superficial. But then you get ones that are sort of interesting."

Other students reflect the opinions of the less enthusiastic part of the population. "I think [reality shows] are a little bit redundant. They re-

peat themselves," says student Edward Allen. "...I figure, why would I want to watch something that they could put a camera in front of me and show my life? There's not much to watch; it's not that exciting."

Student Jeff Raab agrees about the newer shows. "The old ones seem to be the better ones," he says. "Real World," "Survivor," that sort of stuff. Now they're sort of reaching. 'Bridezilla,' 'Joe Millionaire,' 'The Bachelorette'...give me a break."

Perhaps what's inciting the hubbub, and some vehement opinions, about reality TV is 2003's new lineup. Although reality shows have been around in some form for over a decade – MTV just celebrated the 10 year anniversary of its reality show "The Real World" in 2001 – the shows get larger in number and more outlandish every year. 2003 is no exception: whatever your taste, there's a show for everyone, with reality shows ranging from the simple to the simply ridiculous.

Want funny family feuding? Watch MTV's "The Osbournes," featuring Ozzy Osbourne (of Black

The Real Thing: America's Sudden Obsession with Reality Shows

20 Current and Upcoming Reality TV Shows

CURRENT

ABC – "The Bachelorette" – Wednesdays 9 p.m.
ABC – "Celebrity Mole Hawaii" – Wednesdays 10 p.m.
FOX – "American Idol 2" – Tuesdays 8 p.m., Wednesdays 8:30 p.m.
FOX – "Joe Millionaire" – Mondays 9 p.m.
MTV – "The Osbournes" – Tuesdays 10:30 p.m.
MTV – "The Real World: Las Vegas" – Tuesdays 10 p.m.
NBC – "Fear Factor" – Mondays 8 p.m.
NBC – "Meet My Folks" – Saturdays 10 p.m.
WB – "High School Reunion" – Sundays 9 p.m., Thursdays 8 p.m.
WB – "The Surreal Life" – Thursdays 9 p.m.

UPCOMING

ABC – "All American Girl" – no official date yet
ABC – "Are You Hot?" – no official date yet
ABC – "Extreme Makeover" – no official date yet
ABC – "I'm a Celebrity – Get Me Out of Here!" – no official date yet
ABC – "The Swap" – no official date yet
ABC – "The Will" – no official date yet
CBS – "Big Brother 4" – no official date yet
CBS – "Survivor: The Amazon" – premiering Feb. 13, 8 p.m.
FOX – "Married by America" – premiering March 10, 8 p.m.
USA – "Nashville Star" – premiering March 8, 9 p.m.



Photo by Chris Pinn

Book Rack Blues

By Sonia Thompson

Students begin another semester at Salisbury lined up in the Book Rack, fighting to get the used books first.

"Buying books is the most depressing day of my life," says Chris DeSantis, a junior at Salisbury University. "You spend \$300 on books you are never going to use, and when you sell them back, you get a quarter of the price."

Kate Rodriguez, a biology major, spent \$362.40 on books this semester. Add the cost of a book she is reusing and her book total comes to \$434.10.

There are options other than Salisbury's bookstore where students can purchase their textbooks. Amazon.com, eBay and Barnes and Noble (www.bn.com) all offer new and used books online.

Rodriguez could have saved \$53.89 had she bought some of her books at Amazon.com. Using eBay, she could have saved \$94.70. Buy-

ing her books at both places would have saved her \$121.11.

English major Stephanie Reade spent \$358.95 for her books this semester. Buying her books used at Amazon.com could have saved her 36 percent off of the total price.

Although buying books via e-commerce might sound like a great solution, students must allow three weeks for shipping and handling and pay the shipping costs, which vary with every purchase.

Not every student at Salisbury is complaining about the price of books.

"I don't have too much to complain about because my books were half the price of last year," says sophomore Chris Runion. "It's probably expensive anywhere you go."



Buying books on campus might not be the best option, it is advised to check elsewhere.

DVDs Rise to the Top

By Brian Zitzelman

Over the last two years, DVDs have become the hot trend for home entertainment. With superior video quality and sound, along with the ever-popular extra features, DVDs boast many qualities not seen in VHS tapes. In fact, sales of DVD players increased by 34.5 percent in 2002, with more than 17 million units being purchased.

While other entertainment products dropped in sales, a number of DVDs broke records for home sales. The "Spiderman" DVD sold seven million copies in its first week on sale. Only one album, Eminem's *The Eminem Show*, sold more copies in all of 2002 than "Spiderman" did in one week. "Spiderman" broke the record for a home entertainment release a record set only a month earlier with the "Monsters, Inc." DVD. Prior to "Monsters, Inc.," the best selling home entertainment release was "The Lion King" on VHS back in 1994.

Both "Spiderman" and "Monsters, Inc." feature one of the most popular parts of DVDs, the extras. When a film is released now, it is not uncommon to find more than two hours of extras, even for smaller films like "Requiem for a Dream" or "Donnie Darko."

However, the undisputed king of DVD extras is the humongous "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring-Extended Edition."

While the original cut of the film was released last August with roughly two hours of "making-of" featurettes, the extended edition,

which came out in November, contained more than seven hours of totally new material about how the film was created. While a copy of the DVD runs for around \$30, it remains in the top 10 best selling DVDs more than nine weeks after its release.

A demonstration of the popularity of the format is the growing number of television programs released on DVD over the past few years. These programs range from recent shows such as "The Sopranos" and "The Shield" to older programs like "Sanford and Son" and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." Even lesser known series like Michael Moore's "The Awful Truth" are finding a new home on DVD.

One constant debate amongst DVD buyers is that of widescreen versus full screen. Typically, movies are released in both formats. A well-known example of this debate occurred with the release of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." Initially, the DVD of the film was only to be released as full screen. This led to a mass e-mailing to Warner Bros. to release it on widescreen as well or face a boycott of the DVD. In the end, it was released in both formats and was considered a success.

With the release of major titles such as "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," "The Ring," and the first season of "Angel" and "The Osbournes" in the next few months, the DVD format looks to continue

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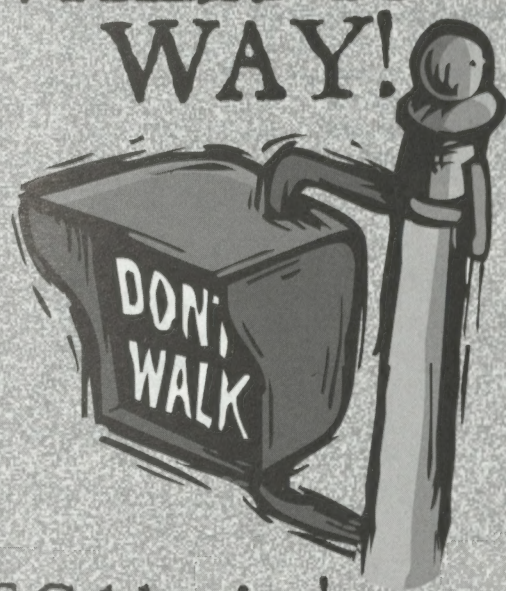
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Insurance Woes

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Bowen.

Higher van fees will mean higher costs per trip. Clubs like the Outdoor Club (ODC) maintain a low membership fee, while other groups like the History Club have free memberships. Without the use of school vans, these clubs would have to seek other means of transportation, possibly causing them to increase their membership fees.

Outdoor Club (ODC) President Erick Pfeleiderer is concerned about the availability of vans and the future of out-of-state travel at SU. According to Pfeleiderer, ODC uses two vans for most trips. If another club wanted to use a van at the same time, a problem would occur.

Another solution is for clubs to plan only in-state trips. History Club President Marc Heimer says most of their trips are out-of-state, like their recent trip to New York.

"There wouldn't really be much point in staying in state," said Heimer.

Pfeleiderer is one of many students trying to motivate people to fight for insurance of all school vans for club trips. He rode the school vans for the first time on an orientation trip as a freshman.

"I wouldn't be the outgoing guy I am if it wasn't for the orientation trips," said Pfeleiderer.

Tuition Climbs

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A raise in tuition could make pockets tighter this year.

"I think the tuition increase is good. The value of education you receive here is higher than we have been paying. I don't believe, however, that they can charge more once the semester has already started," said Brian Turner, a senior.

"The probability of offsetting that \$1.7 billion deficit is highly unlikely," said Richard Pusey, vice president of administration and finance at SU. Pusey said that the tuition is more than likely to increase even further next year given the extent of the deficit. It should climb at a relatively steady annual rate of four percent or more.

Some students rely on scholarships for their tuition, and the increase means that they will have to front more money for tuition.

"I'm worried about it," said Sean Foster, junior. "This means a de-

crease in how much money I have to spend."

SU was originally supposed to receive \$29.5 million in state-appropriated funding, roughly 30 percent of the entire budget. The administration has anticipated at least \$3 million less than that for the remainder of this fiscal year.

In the future, SU will receive a smaller portion of state appropriation for fiscal year 2004, possibly imposing more tuition hikes on current and future students.

Photo by Constance Mershi

Crime Beat

01/26/03 06:00 PM Theft/Vandalism

An am/fm/cd player was reported stolen from a room in Fulton. A glass bowl was reported to have been broken during the same time period.

01/27/03 11:30 AM Theft

A student reported that three textbooks were left in an unlocked locker outside of the Bookrack. They were unattended for a short amount of time. When she returned, the books had been stolen.

01/27/03 05:45 PM Hit & Run

A student reported that there was damage to her vehicle that was parked in the St. Martin lot. A witness left a note on the vehicle that an old red car had hit the parked car and then drove away. A tag number was obtained and the investigation is continuing. On 1/29/03 the driver of the suspect vehicle was identified. He accepted responsibility for the damage and will pay for the repairs.

01/28/03 09:15 AM Theft

A resident of St. Martin reported that a book bag and contents were stolen from the Commons near the cashier's station.

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Men's Basketball

By Matt Rosati

Despite a 5-13 record, the Salisbury men's basketball team has had a few bright spots. Freshman John Wulff (Wicomico H.S.) leads the CAC in field goal percentage, shooting a blazing .659% during the Gulls' seven conference games. Transfer senior Hasheem Alexander (Thomas Johnson H.S.) came to Salisbury via Bowie State and has averaged 21.4 ppg, leading the team in scoring. Scoring dropping nearly 30 points a game during CAC play, Hasheem ranks second in the conference in scoring. Luckily for the Gulls, three of their five wins have come during conference play, allowing them to continue to compete for a spot in the conference post-season.

Women's Basketball Closing in on Fourth Straight CAC Title

By Sean Iannucci
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team is eyeing its fourth consecutive Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) championship, remaining undefeated inside the conference and constructing a 16-3 overall record with six games remaining.

Led by senior captain and All-American Amy Campion (24.0 ppg, 10.3rpg, 5.3 apg), the Sea Gulls have breezed through conference competition winning by an average margin of 15 points.

The Sea Gulls are coming off two recent conference wins against Marymount and St. Mary's, in which the team's underclass began to heighten their play. Sophomore Pam Kenney (13.9 ppg, 5.8 rpg) and freshmen Kiera Watkins and Christen Barney have added depth to coach Benshetler's squad while giving Campion a powerful supporting cast.

Aside from the team's postseason expectations, the 2003 season has already been filled with milestones. 13-year coach Bridget Benshetler, already the University's leader in wins, recorded her 200th victory on January 4 against Southern Virginia. One week later, Campion became the University's all time leading scorer, surpassing former Sea Gull star Lisa Neylan. Campion, who has over 1,700 career points, is currently the nation's division three scoring leader.

The Sea Gulls continue their march towards the postseason Saturday, February 8, against York at 2 p.m. in Maggs Gym.

With the impressive play of a hoard of underclassmen, the solid leadership of Coach Benshetler and the amazing play of senior captain Amy Campion the 2003 Sea Gulls appear to be far from finished.



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Just Watch It!

By Matt Rosati

Last Saturday, one of the single most important athletic events of our time was held - did you watch it? It featured the #1 team in the nation vs. the #2 team, but did you watch it? Spotlights were two of the most exciting athletes the sport has ever seen, and once again, I can bet that you did not watch it.

In front of a sell-out crowd and the Cameron Crazies (both firsts for a Duke women's game) at Cameron Indoor Stadium last Saturday, the second-ranked UConn Huskies rolled all over Duke in a battle of the undefeated, 77-65, running their winning streak to 59. However, more important than the outcome of the game were the historical aspects involved in the game.

UConn's streak is the best in women's basketball history and third best streak of all-time, trailing behind only two men's programs: UCLA's 88 in a row from 1971-74 and San Francisco's 60 straight from 1955-57. Yet no one is watching.

In the late 1970's the NBA came to be the sport it is today when a player from tiny Indiana State, Larry Bird, played for the national championship against Indiana and Isaiah Thomas. The UConn-Duke match featured the top two players in the nation, and I can guarantee that you did not watch.

Duke All-American Alana Beard came in averaging 23.5 points a game and sunk 26 on Uconn, including an amazing 17 in the final ten minutes of play. UConn's Diana Taurasi scored 17 points for the Huskies while leading the way with her steady defense. Needless to say, you didn't watch!

I will save you the details about the game, because if you failed to watch it during PRIME TIME, it's safe to say you would not want to read about it. So I will make a deal with you: watch one NCAA women's game on television, and then tune in to one NBA game.

If you want to see players actually boxing out, taking pure jump shots, playing real defense, watch the women. If you want to see overweight centers walking down the court, while guards throw up ridiculous shots, watch the NBA. If you want to see heart and determination, watch NCAA. If the middle finger to the crowd, overpriced tickets, and referee abuse are more your thing, then please watch the NBA. As for me, I will stick to watching basketball the way it was meant to be played. As for calling yourself a sports fan, next time there is a #1 vs. #2 match up, with the record winning streak on the line, featuring the top two players in the nation, watch it. You owe it to yourself to try it; perhaps you are afraid you just might like it.

Sports Calendar

Women's Basketball	Feb. 8 vs. York	2 p.m.
	Feb. 15 vs. Goucher	5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball	Feb. 8 vs. York	4 p.m.
	Feb. 15 vs. Goucher	7:30 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse	Feb. 22 vs. Catholic	1 p.m.
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Baseball	Feb. 12 vs. Chowan	2:30 p.m.
	Feb. 14 vs. St. Mary's	2 p.m.

2003 Men's Lacrosse Schedule

Feb. 22 vs. Catholic*	1 p.m.
Feb. 26 vs. St. Mary's*	3 p.m.
March 1 vs. York*	1 p.m.
March 5 vs. Goucher*	3:30 p.m.
March 9 vs. Ohio Wesleyan	1 p.m.
March 12 vs. Virginia Wesleyan	3:30 p.m.
March 16 vs. Roanoke	1 p.m.
March 19 vs. Marymount*	3:30 p.m.
March 22 vs. Trinity	Noon
March 26 vs. Union*	11 am
April 5 vs. Gettysburg	1 p.m.
April 10 vs. Lynchburg	3 p.m.
April 17 vs. Mary Washington*	4 p.m.
April 21 CAC Tournament	
April 24 CAC Tournament	
April 27 CAC Tournament	
May 3 vs. Washington	1:30 p.m.
May 7 NCAA Tournament	

Home games in bold
* CAC game

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